

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19488

The Board of Education manages a rural physician incentive fund which is used to reimburse a portion of medical education expenses for doctors who choose to practice medicine in rural locations with physician shortages. Under current law the fund consists of payments made by medical students who receive state support for medical education expenses. This legislation would allow the fund to accept voluntary contributions, grants and appropriations to increase the utility of the fund for recruiting physicians to work in under served rural areas.

FISCAL NOTE

To the degree this legislation achieves its goal, the amount of contributions to the rural physician incentive fund will be increased. No additional administrative costs are anticipated.

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